# **Lines Bits** August 2020





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# **COMMODORE'S REPORT** By TAMARA TATICH

It appears we're all acclimating to the world today now that we've been able to adjust and readjust as we work our way through the pandemic. If anything, we're resilient and we've proven that we can adapt to the new environment quickly – and thrive. Our staff and volunteers transform the clubhouse to fit whatever the need of the moment may be, and we are extremely fortunate to live where we do. Yes, we are currently "forced" to dine al fresco on the patio with incredible views while building up our immune system with a healthy dose of vitamin D!

The timing of this month's "Lines & Bits" has landed a week before our monthly board meeting, so most updates coming out of that meeting will be delivered in the weekly eblast. The good news is that everything seems to be running smoothly, all things considering. The kitchen is open and delivering amazing meals accompanied by our famous beverage service to members both dining on the patio and taking it out to enjoy wherever. Members are patient with the situation and our two officers of the deck, Patrick and Dawn are doing their best to accommodate everyone with professionalism and outstanding customer service.

I do have the unfortunate task of announcing two resignations. DWYC is losing someone very near and dear to all our hearts. Our Treasurer and Staff Commodore Cliff Fellows and Nancy Bell are moving to Idaho, where Nancy has a beautiful home. Both Cliff and Nancy have family in Idaho, and the unexpected sale of their home has paved the way for their new journey. I wish them all the luck in the world in this chapter in their lives and will miss them terribly.

Long time Rod Busters chairman, John Garner, has turned in his rod and reel in light of having to cancel the Junior day fishing trip. John's focus these last several years has been introducing kids to the sport of ocean fishing and supporting our fundraising efforts with an annual Fish Fest dinner. John inspired many with his passion for fishing, and we're thankful for all he has given to DWYC over the years.

The Juniors have been actively sailing around and outside the harbor, and I can't wait to hear the recap next week. My guess is some records are being broken



in that they've sold out their week-long classes and extended a week to accommodate more kids. The DWYS Foundation has done an outstanding job with Mark Williams at the helm and SC Steve White and SC Dawn Rasmussen by his side. Retaining Anthony Capri as the sailing coach was a significant factor in this year's success, as well as chartering a fleet of RS Teras from the DP Harbor Youth Foundation. There were plenty of boats for every Junior and they're learning the ropes from an incredibly talented and professional instructor.

If you're interested in learning how to sail...we're talking adults now, please let me know. Just shoot me an email or give me a call.

I owe a HUGE amount of praise to Jerry Wetzler for jumping in at a moment's notice to skipper "Freestyle" as our committee boat for the June 27th Jack & Jill Race. Our mark set boat, "Jackie," needed to be towed in by the Harbor Patrol, and Jerry had us outside the harbor and a start line set with only a short delay. Another big callout to Rod "Pops" Woods for all the hours needed to get "Jackie" back in gear in time to start the weekly Friday Fun Series!

Like you, I'm looking forward to a time when we can once again host events, attend meetings in person and exchange hugs and kisses upon walking through the front door. Until then, don your mask, kiss with a wink and hug with a bright smile that reaches your eyes. Cheers,



How things change from one month to another (okay ... from one day to another). The month of July found more changes at the club as restrictions were imposed on indoor dining. However, lucky for us, we have our beautiful patio to use along with the patio by the stairs and inside tables by the windows! So, come on down!

Also, if you are thinking of ordering takeout food, I hope you will consider ordering from the club. We have expanded take out to include the entire menu and specials including all beverages. And to top it all off, we are offering a 10% discount for takeout orders! Feel free to come in and order or call the club to place your order so it is ready when you arrive.

As for membership, we appreciate everyone for renewing your memberships for the 2020-2021 year. Membership cards should have been received by the time of this article. So, if you haven't received yours, and there are no new updates in the e-blast regarding a delay, feel free to email membership@dwyc.org.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support, kindness and patience during this unusual time. See you at the club and on the water!

The following applicants were approved as members at the July Board of Directors meeting:

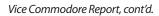
Erik Isambert and Victoria Koker Boat Owner/Associate Membership San Clemente – 21-foot Parker

Scott and Kimberly Shank Boat Owner – Norco – 40-foot Fountain

Jim and Angie Marks Boat Owner – Laguna Niguel – 34-foot Riviera

**Ryan Galeria and Sabeena Khan** Boat Owner – San Clemente – 40-foot Wilderness

**Randy and Rachel Casteel** Rancho Santa Margarita – 31-foot Hunter



**Timothy and Rhonda Bauer** Non-Boat Owner – Laguna Niguel

The following applicants have been posted for approval at the August Board of Directors meeting:

**David and Trisha Dunn** Boat Owner - Laguna Niguel – 30-foot Enrique

> Alfred and Barbara Ortiz Non-Boat Owner – San Clemente

> **Cindy Holmes** Non-Boat Owner – San Clemente

**Cash McCloy** Non Boat Owner – Dana Point

Hope to see all of you soon at the club or on the water!



The By-Laws require that new applicants for membership be posted on the Bulletin Board for twenty one (21) days. Any regular member may place an objection against an applicant by submitting the objection in writing to the Board of Directors prior to the next Board meeting.

# Applicant and member postings are pending.

Dana West is a 501(c)(7), not for profit, mutual benefit corporation. In compliance with the California State Liquor Laws, we must have an Officer of the Day at the door, and all guests of DWYC members must be signed in by the member with our "Swipeon" system before entrance. All visiting yacht club members must present verification, sign in with "Swipeon" and must wear a guest badge, printed by the "Swipeon" system. The OD must verify individuals, by requesting them to present their current membership card. Most members have their cards ready as they enter.



Hello all! I hope that this article finds everyone staying healthy and safe! It seems that every day brings more change, but rest assured, the Board of Directors, Officers, and Committees are doing everything they can to adapt and keep the ship righted and headed into smoother seas. I am continuously impressed with the teamwork and creativity being put forth.

The Ship Store continues to be open by Appointment Only. I am happy to set up arrangements for a private shopping session or a quick pick up of a burgee, shirt, hat, etc. To make an appointment, please contact me via email – rearcommodore@dywc.org – or call/text -949.842.4928.

Speaking of the store's modified hours, I want to give a huge thank you to Staff Commodore Helen Hawkins for her help with the store when I haven't been available. She has been an excellent sales associate and I am grateful for her assistance with selling burgees, Reyn Spooner face masks and the Reyn Spooner Summer and Catalina shirts. I'm pretty sure that there isn't anything that Helen can't sell!

The Member Services committee is still available to assist with grocery runs, errands, etc. for any of you who are still self-quarantining and not ready to go out into the world yet.

Please email me at memberservices@dwyc.org if you require assistance. Cheers (from a safe distance)!





# **PORT REPORT** By NINA MCNEELY

As I write this article on July 17th, I am hyper aware that by the time you read this, fellow member, who knows what changes may be wrought? Maybe we'll be open for inside dining? Maybe we will still be on the patio? Maybe we'll have drive in dining, complete with those trays you would clamp on your car door and Helen will roller skate to your window and take your order. The thing is, we just don't know. I appreciate the members' patience as we navigate these unprecedented times. I miss precedented times.

We continue to stay connected outside of the clubhouse walls! The Friday evening Happy Hours are still happening on Zoom! Follow the link in the weekly email blast that Tamara sends every week. The Happy Hour is from 5:00 to 7:00pm. No need to stay for the whole two hours – just drop in and say hello! It's been a great way to hear from a variety of members.

The Odyssey Book Club (We picked a name! Thanks for the awesome suggestion, Bobbi!) is meeting every two weeks, also on Zoom. The August meetings are on the 12th and the 26th at 6:00 pm. Please email me at port@ dwyc.org if you would like to find out what we are currently reading. We'd love to have more members join! Follow the link in the weekly email blast. This is the first book club for many of us, and it's been a lot of fun!

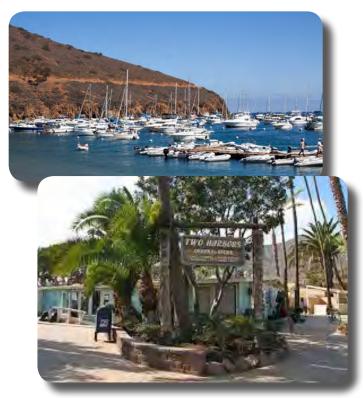
The summer "Smooth Sundays" on the patio are on hold for now. Trust me, I miss live music at the club as much as anyone, but it's just not feasible at the moment. We'll bring back our musician friends as soon as we are able! See you at the club! Or online!







Another month has passed us by, and we are still wanting to get DWYC members on a cruise. Keep your fingers crossed for our Isthmus Cruise which is currently scheduled for August 21 - 23. We have 19 sign-ups at this point. We understand that some may feel uncomfortable,



or perhaps had not signed up because they would be traveling abroad during this time period. We are going to post the sign-up sheet at the club again. If you are going to cancel, please let us know, or if you'd like to sign-up, please do!

The extended cruise for September is still questionable, and Steve Harrison will be working out details as we get closer to the dates. It is such a difficult time to make any plans with this pandemic hovering over us!

Still on the calendar is the Catalina Cruise scheduled for October 16 - 18. Keep positive thoughts for this cruise. We may not be able to visit the Catalina Yacht Club, but we will have some creative things planned.

We thank everyone for your patience and thank all of you who participated in our "Champagne Campaign" and "Dinghy Rally".

We miss visiting with everyone at the club and on our cruises. Please, stay safe, wear your masks and continue to social distance so we can get past this pandemic.



Any questions, give me a call at 949.939.6154 or email me at fleet@dwyc.org





# RACE By ROD WOODS & MICHAEL TATICH

Jack and Jill, Saturday, June 27 got under way after a short delay. Once again Jackie, the mark set boat, died soon after leaving the harbor. The sheriff patrol boat happened to be in the same area and graciously towed us back to the club house.

The day was saved by Jerry Wetzler and his catamaran "Freestyle". When you skippers and crew next see Jerry, shake his hand, buy him a beverage, bow low, etc. etc.

With 14 boats entered, nine made the start. We, the Race Committee (Commodore Tamara Tatich, Mike Tatich and yours truly) managed to complete two races in light winds.

> 1st place, Tekeela, Jock McGraw, DWYC 2nd: Masquerade, Carl Vanderbeek, TPYC 3rd: Besame Mucho, Dan Hannegan, DWYC

Friday Summer Fun series began July 17. Register with Regattanetwork.com



On July 16th, member Shawn Crabbe reeled in a 309-pound blue fin tuna! More on page 10, Health & Hapiness article.





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Summer sailing camp is finishing up Week 2 as of this writing and it has been a great success so far! The kids are learning quickly, having a great time and most of all, spending the majority of their time on the water.

As noted last month, we are operating everything differently than in past years, but the staff and the kids have adapted really well to all of it. Our director and instructors, Anthony Capri, Peyton, Christopher, Tyler and Oliver are doing a fantastic job. And how awesome is it that Peyton and Oliver are both past participants of our program and are now coaching other kids!

There are great precautions being taken every day to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including temperature taking, masks, daily sanitizing of boats and you may have even seen the hand washing/sanitizing station under the



patio. All chalk talks are taking place across the street on the grassy knoll instead of on the club patio. Sessions 1-3 are completely sold out (actually could have been oversold), Session 4 is almost full and we have even



added a Session 5 the week of August 4th. So, it's not too late to register now, if you have a child who wants to build



a skill that will last a lifetime. REGISTRATION (as of July 15th) is still open at www.dwyscamp.com.

On the fundraising side – we're really disappointed that this year's Tin Cup has been officially cancelled. This is our main fundraiser of the year, so not having it presents a challenge for us. However, there is some good news: 1) the change to this year's camp format and cost have helped us make it through, financially, and will hopefully set us up to get back to a similar format of camp we've had in the past; 2) we are working on a few ideas to generate revenue and fund the program for the short and long term.

Be on the lookout for those announcements as we move into the fall. Also, as you are doing your charitable giving plan, don't forget that Dana West Youth Sailing is a 501(c) 3, so all of your donations are tax deductible. So never fear – there will be other ways to give and support the Juniors!

Speaking of which – Amazon just added the AMAZON SMILE option to your iPhone (previously it was only available on your computer), so please don't forget to sign up and use AmazonSmile. Amazon donates 0.5% of every purchase to DWYS if you choose us as your charity. Here's how: 1) Join Amazon Smile on your computer and choose Dana West Youth Sailing as your charity. 2) Get the Amazon app on your phone. 3) Turn on Amazon Smile by opening the app, find Settings in the main menu, follow onscreen instruction to turn on AmazonSmile. This is a VERY easy way to donate without doing anything but shopping!

Thanks, again, to all at DWYC who support the Juniors. We hope to continue to work this year to build a sustainable foundation for a strong program. Fair winds and following seas, The Board of DWYS





As President of Islanders, I would like to welcome all our new members who may or may not have had a chance to visit our friendly, fun DWYC during these unusual times!

If you are a lady who is a new member, you are automatically an Islander. We are the women of DWYC who host fun activities as well as fundraisers including summer mixers on the patio, luncheons in January and in the spring, Blackjack, Mystery Night and December gift exchange to name a few. And, we sell See's candy two or three times a year!



Our primary goal is to raise funds to give back to DWYC to help with projects, equipment and other needs.

With our 2020 circumstances, we regret that most of our events have been postponed or cancelled until further notice so watch Lines & Bits for updates.

We have two styles of Islanders' logo shirts for sale in different colors. If you wish to order please contact Karen Blanco at kblancoams.yahoo.com. (As shown in flyer)

Keep positive, happy, well and hope to see all your smiling faces back at the club one day!

		<b>THE DATE!</b> (See articles for event details)
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Juniors	8/4-8/2020	Youth Camp Session V
Race	8/7/2020	Friday Summer Fun Series
Port	8/7/2020	Happy Hour ZOOM
Port	8/12/2020	Odessy Book Club ZOOM
Race	8/14/2020	Friday Summer Fun Series
Port	8/14/2020	Happy Hour ZOOM
Race	8/21/2020	Harvest Moon Race
Race	8/21/2020	Friday Summer Fun Series
Port	8/21/2020	Happy Hour ZOOM
Fleet	8/21-23/2020	Isthmus Cruise - TENTATIVE
Port	8/26/2020	Odessy Book Club ZOOM
Race	8/28/2020	Friday Summer Fun Series
Port	8/28/2020	Happy Hour ZOOM
Juniors	9/9/2020CANCELLED Tin Cup Golf Tournament	
*All dates are tentative. Check for latest in email blasts!		



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With the summer weather, some members have been venturing a little further from home. Some have made their way to Catalina by way of the Catalina Express or their own boat. Others have taken road trips to the Sequoia National Park, either by RV or by car. Others are happy to meet up on the patio at DWYC, while others feel comfortable hanging out at home or on their boats. The harbor has definitely been busier. The Thursday Farkles have picked up some weekly racers. It's a beautiful sight to see the boats out on the water!

By the time you are reading this, Staff Commodore Cliff Fellows and Nancy Bell will have left California for a new adventure. Both Cliff and Nancy have talked about moving to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, in the future. Nancy had purchased a home there about three years ago. Well, the future became now for them. Within a month, Cliff sold his home, Nancy and he packed up their belongings, and scheduled their move for July 29th. Nancy's sister and brother-in-law live across the river in Coeur D'Alene. Cliff has family in Boise (a daughter, granddaughter, step-daughter and her daughter). We wish them all the best in their new home!

Blake Campbell, Tracy Imsland, Gary Champlin, and Barb and Dell De Fabry have been on an adventure as well. Tracy and Blake moved to Murphy, California, about a year ago, but their boat, Sun Dancin', had remained in Dana Point. The five of them left Dana Point early Sunday, July 12th. As I write this, they are making their way up the coast to San Francisco, through the Delta all the way to Sacramento/Stockton. Gary will spend some time at Bass Lake for a family vacation before heading home. We look forward to hearing about their trip.

Santa Ed and Jan visited friends in Santa Maria and Salinas. From there, they went onto Three Rivers and toured Sequoia National Park. A nice quiet getaway!

Jim and Maggie McNamara welcomed their granddaughter, Emma Jane McNamara on July 13th. Congratulations to Jim and Maggie!

Debbie and Rick Rossback are on a road trip to Idaho. They have a long-time friend who recently moved there and they have gone to help him get settled into his new home. They plan on being away for about one month. They hope to see Cliff and Nancy while there as well.

Nancy May has been in Tahoe since mid-June. She is enjoying time with family and friends. One especially exciting experience she's had was watching (from a distance of course) Mama Bear and her three cubs playing just down the street.



Shawn Crabbe recently caught a 309-pound blue fin tuna off of San Clemente Island. It took him four hours to reel it in. That was one tired but happy fisherman. Shawn's wife Tanya says, "The freezer is packed!" She took some to work and says she is going to sear some steaks and try making poke too. (*Photos page 6*)

Mike Dugan had hip surgery on May 27th. His recovery is amazing! He is walking five miles every day and is looking forward to getting out on the golf course.

Dawn Reynolds, our evening OD, broke her ankle and will be "off her feet" for several weeks. Patrick will be working longer days to cover her shift. We wish Dawn a speedy recovery.

Please remember, you can email me at happiness@ dwyc.org with any health and happiness news you'd like to share with your family at DWYC Or text me at 949-632-0807. Think of DWYC and Smile!





# **DWYC SILVER STARS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD!**

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- Student must provide a copy of your student card or registration.
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